

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)[What's new at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.](#)[View this email in your browser](#)**Newsletter #21:****What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.**

It has been a very quiet week in comparison with the last ones. I've been in the mode of sending out coins to clients rather than really bidding in any auctions. This is entirely normal though since summer usually takes people away from the hobby of collecting coins. It's a good thing though. We all need to rest a bit sometimes!

I had a very nice time on Wednesday when I had the honor to do a 30 minute presentation on the coinage of Syracuse for the Chicago Coin Club. I was pretty surprised at how many members got up to show interesting material they had in their collections. It ran the gamut from ancients, world coins, paper money and even a discussion on paper money used within the concentration camp at Westerbork. I highly recommend your local coin club if you have one. You not only learn a lot from sharing knowledge with other collectors, but you get to see some rather cool material!

There isn't a lot going on this week but nonetheless a few notables:

Leu Numismatik Web Auction 1 (closes June 18, 2017)

As I mentioned in my previous newsletter, this is the first auction from a new venture in Zürich, Switzerland. There are 1500 lots of various ancient types available. I noticed a lot of inexpensive material for those that want a good deal. If anyone has interest in this auction let me know soon. I'd be happy to help.

Naville Numismatics Live Auction 32 (closes June 18, 2017)

The sister company to NAC which has lower grade but interesting material is hosting their 32nd auction. There is a lot of pedigreed, but less glitzy material available in these auctions. Worth a gander for sure. I routinely bid in their auctions. Let me know if you have interest.

Agora Sale #67 (closes June 20, 2017)

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everything from ancient, U.S., world and antiquities.

Roma E-Sale 37 (closes June 24, 2017)

This auction has 801 lots and features Greek, Roman and Byzantine. They also have about 100 or so large lots of coins that might prove interesting for collectors. Additionally if you are looking to expand your library they have 40 numismatic books on offer. I am bidding in this auction so let me know if you need help.

VCoins Site (ALL SUMMER)

Allow me to plug myself a little bit here. At the moment there are 151 international dealers on the site and more seem to be joining everyday. For small dealers like me it is the only real option outside of trade shows and personal customers to be able to show your material. I've been buying coins in Europe and the U.S. at trade shows, private treaty and auctions since I started my own business 10 months ago. I'm proud to offer these hand selected coins on my site and on VCoins. Why not give it a look!

Upcoming Trade Shows

I decided that I need to continually remind you all that the Summer ANA is coming up! So here goes AGAIN:

I'm happy to report that I am exhibiting at the Summer ANA in Denver, Colorado on August 1-6, 2017. My booth number is #930 and I will have a small but, nice group of ancient coins with me. Please come and see me at the show so we can meet face to face.

Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

The coin this week is from Thurium in Lucania. What makes this piece special are two things. The first is that it is a beautifully struck and centered piece. The second is that it comes from two illustrious collections. It was first owned by Sir Guy Laking, who lived from 1875-1919. His position as first keeper of the London Museum undoubtedly brought him into contact with many opportunities. His untimely death at the age of 44 resulted in his collection being dispersed. A well-known American collector, Clarence Bement, subsequently purchased the coin. Upon Bement's death in 1923 the coin was then placed in the Naville sale of 1924 in Lucerne, Switzerland. Below is a bit more on the history of coinage in Thurium.

LUCANIA, Thurium. c. 425-400 BC. AR Stater, 7.90g (19mm, 12h). Head of Athena right, wearing Attic helmet decorated with laurel branch and ivy leaf / Bull butting right; ΘΟΥΡΙΩΝ above; in exergue, fish right

Pedigree: From the Collection of Sir Guy Laking. Ex Naville VI, 23 June 1924, Lucerne, Switzerland, lot 218 (Clarence Bement Collection)

Price: \$6,000

Thurium is a coastal city in the far south of Italy situation on the gulf of Tarentine gulf. The Greek city was only colonized about 25 years earlier so this is among the earliest of the coinage.

The types presented on this coin allude to the origins of the city in the mid-fifth century BC: the foundation of Thourioi was the outcome of an appeal made by the refugees of Sybaris, recently

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dispatching ten ships manned by Athenians and Peloponnesians. Thus Sybaris was re-founded, though dissensions between the Sybarites and the new colonists ended in a civil conflict, on account of the former laying claim not only to honorary distinctions, but to the exclusive possession of important political privileges. At length many of the Sybarites were expelled, and Thurium population was swelled by fresh colonists from all parts of Greece. Though the Athenians by now formed a relatively small proportion of the population, Thurium continued to be regarded as an Athenian colony, maintaining close ties with Athens, and indeed providing assistance to Athens' ill-fated campaign against Syracuse. It is therefore unsurprising that Athena should feature as the patron deity of the city, prominently displayed on its coinage, while the reverse is an adaptation of the emblem of Sybaris, upon which Thurium was built.

References: SNG ANS 899; HN p. 86; SNG Oxford 889; SNG Copenhagen 435

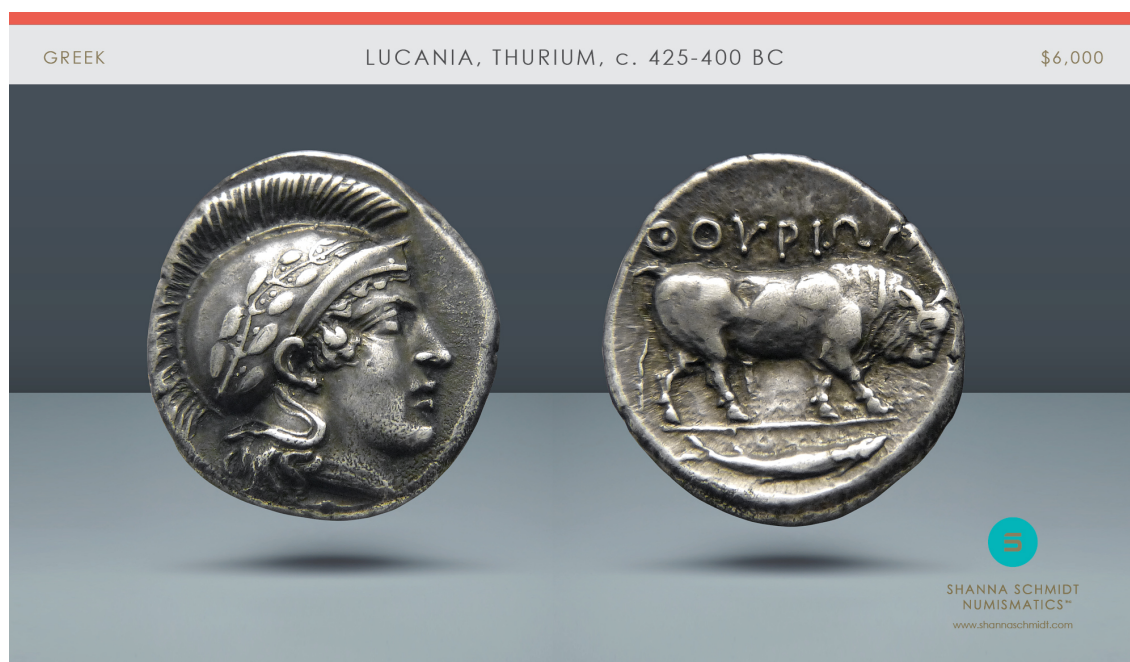
Grade: Lovely cabinet toning and fully struck with all elements visible. EF+

If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

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Until next week!

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